

erick county, Mr. Nelson; Harford county, Mr. Farnandis; Howard county, Mr. Mackubin; Kent county, Mr. Massey; Montgomery county, Mr. Watkins; Prince George's county, Mr. Emack; Queen Anne's county, Mr. Finley; St. Mary's county, Mr. Dent; Somerset county, Mr. Jones; Talbot county, Mr. Goldsborough; Washington county, Mr. Syester; Worcester county, Mr. Franklin.

Mr. Dobbin said the Individual Enterprise Company had courteously placed at the disposal of the committee the magnificent steamer Samuel J. Pentz, which would convey the presidential party to this city.

The unfinished business, being the report of the committee on the legislative department, was then taken up, section 36 being under consideration.

Mr. McCormick moved to reconsider-section 33.

After some debate the motion to reconsider was carried.

The vote passing the amendment of Mr. Dent was then reconsidered; and the question being again taken on the amendment, it was rejected by a vote of 61 to 36.

The question then recurred on the section as originally reported, as follows:

“Section 33. The General Assembly shall pass no law nor make any appropriation to compensate the masters or claimants of slaves heretofore emancipated from servitude, but may distribute any appropriation made by the United States for that purpose.”

Mr. McKaig moved to reconsider the vote rejecting the amendment submitted by Mr. Jones, to strike out all after the word “law,” and insert “providing for payment by this State for slaves emancipated from servitude in this State, but they shall adopt such measures as they may deem expedient to obtain from the United States compensation for such slaves, and to receive and distribute the same equitably to the persons entitled.”

The motion to reconsider was debated by Messrs. Syester and Hayden in opposition, and Messrs. Gill, Stoddert, Walsh, and Dent in favor.

The motion to reconsider was then agreed to, and the question recurring on the amendment, it was adopted.